

(e) if not, the action taken on each identified lapse of HPCL management?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (e) Government had reviewed *in* detail the observations on lapses contained in the report of the Commission Inquiry. The observation of the Commission on the part of the operators was accepted by the Government and HPCL has initiated departmental proceedings as per the Company Rules. Other observations of the Commission were examined in detail and these were not accepted as these were not found to be justified.

Reimbursement from oil pool account to oil marketing companies

2414. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 4222 given in the Rajya Sabha on 4th May, 2000 and state:

(a) the estimated amount in crores to be reimbursed to oil marketing companies from oil pool account against CST under recoveries on account of intercompany sales of controlled petroleum products of RPL; and

(b) the modalities of making up the oil pool deficit caused by above disbursement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) The amount to be reimbursed to oil marketing companies from the Oil Pool Account against central sales tax under-recoveries on account of inter-company sales of controlled petroleum products of Ms RPL would depend on the quantities of controlled petroleum products' offtake from RPL's Jamnagar Refinery for sale in other States.

The amount reimbursed to oil marketing companies for their

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under recoveries on account of irrecoverable/hon-recoverable State taxes including central sales tax are made up through the extant state surcharge scheme.

Use of CNG in all Government vehicles

2415. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Compressed Natural Gas is a pollution-free fuel;
- (b) if so, whether Government are going to take any concrete action to encourage use of this gas in the vehicles;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that, so far, it is not being used even in the vehicles of Government Departments; and
- (d) if so, by when Government will use this fuel in all Government vehicles?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANG WAR):

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) Various incentives such as concessional custom duty on import of CNG kit, lower price of CNG *vis-a-vis* other fuels, no sales tax on CNG in Delhi etc., have been offered to encourage use of CNG.
- (c) and (d) CNG is already being used in large number of Government vehicles.

OU in the Krishna-Godavari project in A.P.

2416. SHRI RAMACHANDRAIAH RUMANDLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether ONGC could find oil in a new structure in the Krishna-Godavari Project of Andhra Pradesh recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and